Pak derogatory statement about India

2805. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the Foreign Officer of Pakistan calling India the sick man of Asia and referring to Indian Muslim as rootless citizens as published in the Observer of February 10, 1994;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the language and content of the statement is unacceptable and that such inflammatory statements by the Government of Pakistan vitiate the atmosphere of bilateral relations.

Details of extradition treaties finalised with foreign countries

2806. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Extradition Treaties finalised by India with other countries;

(b) whether these have come into force;

(c) if not, what are the details of those treaties which are yet to be made effective;

(d) whether there is any plan to finalise such treaties with other countries also; and

(e) if so, whether Union Home Minister visited USA, Canada, Germany to sign the Extradition Treaties with those countries on the lines of Indo British extradition Treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) We have signed extradition treaties with Bhutan, Belgium, Canada, Nepal, Netherlands, Uganda, U.K and USA. The treaties are in force:

(d) Yes, Sir. At present efforts are being made by the Government to finalise extradition treaties with Hong Kong, Germany, UAE, France and a new Treaty with USA.

(e) An extradition treaty was signed with Canada in 1987 which is in force. Extradition Treaty with Germany has been finalised at the technical level. This will now be submitted to the respective Governments for their approval. Negotiations are still in progress with USA.

Custom officers abetting fake passport Holders

2807. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Custom Officers are abetting fake passport holders in travelling on fake passport;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases detected during the last three years;

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent such incidents;

(d) what is the number of persons who have so far used fake passports and were deported by other countries; and

(e) what is the number of such persons who were connected with the terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

'हरारे पीपल्स कन्वेंशन' के साथ बातचीत

2808. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बातचीत द्वारा राजनीतिक समाधान निकालने के लिए 'हरारे पीपल्स कन्वेंशन' के साथ कोई चर्चा की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

"US General commits Himalayan Blunder"

2809. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the newsitem captioned "U.S. General commits Himalayan blunder" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated the 17th February, 1994;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to countenance the pro-Pakistan proclivities of the U.S. Defence Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's position that Jammu & Kashmir is and shall remain an inalienable and integral part of the Indian Republic is well known. Government consider that Pakistan, through aggression, has illegally occupied a part of Jammu & Kashmir. Government have conveyed concern on several occasions about the effect on India's security environment of the transfer of weapons from the US to Pakistan as reported to have been mooted by the General in question. Defence contacts between India and the US, uch as personnel exchanges, high level visits an information exchange, are conducted on a regular basis with a view to enhancing understanding of India's position and concerns.

Permission to restart Coca Cola in the country

2810. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coca Cola has been given permission to restart its operations in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of setting up its own plants and making much needed foreign investment, Coca Cola has opted to outrightly purchase Parle Company manufacturing soft drinks in the country;

(c) whether prior permission of Government/Reserve Bank of India was obtained by Coca Cola;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against the said Company;

(e) what would be the fate of Parle Soft Drink brands already available in the country;

(f) whether Coca Gola propose to introduce its own foreign brand names for which the permission was not given to PEPSI;